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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1903.

THE MAN TO WIN.

Senator Carmack, of Tennessee, takes the position that no man should be nominated by the Demogratic party for the presidency next year who did not support the ticket in 1896 and 1900.

"If we nominate a man who did not support the ticket in 1896 and in 1909," "there would be thousands or Democrats in every part of the country

rho would refuse to support him."

We have proper respect for party regplarity, but it seems to us that the thing for the Democratic party to do next year is to select the best Democrat to lead in the fight, regardless of his vote in 1896 or in 1800. We are more-concerned about what a man is than what he has been. If there is an available man, and Democrats are satisfied that he is an honest and conscientious Democrat; that he is true to the principles of Democracy; that he has a reasonable chance of election, and that if elected he will stand up always for Democratic principles and carry out Democratic policles, such a man should not be thrown aside because in 1896 he refused to sup port free silver. A man is not necessarily a Democrat because he voted the Democratic ticket in 1896, whereas a man may be a good Democrat in spite of the fact that he refused to support free

It seems to us that the time has com for Democrats to put aside all such differences, to let bygones be bygones, to formulate a good, sound Democratic platform, and to nominate a good, honest, vote-winning Democrat for the presidency. But there can be no party harmony, no cordial co-operation, if old grudges are to continue, if old scores are to be settled, and if Democrats are to be discriminated against and put under the ban because in 1896 they supported Palmer and Buckner rather than Bryan

TREES IN VIRGINIA.

Responsive to the Virginia Statute or the subject Governor Montague has is sued a proclamation designating April and as Arbor-Day and calling upon our people to observe it by active work in tree-planting.

Well may this State appeal to her loving sons and daughters to repair the devastation that has been going on here fo nearly three hundred years. When the first settlers made their homes at James town, and for a long time afterwards, the face of the land was almost concealed by forests. Only here and there was there a small opening. So abundant, indeed, seemed the supply of growing timber that the colonists and their descendants acted as if it would be impossible to exhaust it; but we have now arrived at a stage in the history of the Commonwealth when exhaustion soon will be in sight, unless prompt measures be taken to check it. Hence the necessity for Arbor Day when public attention will be foreibly called to the need for arbor culture and when a concerted popular effort can be made to restore the forests in some de gree and beautify our homes also. It would be made more attractive if more 's a depressing sight to see a farm house pr country church, or school-house without a tree about it; that, too, in a wellwatered land, where a tree only need bo planted to thrive and grow.

Every country home should have trees about it; of them there is variety enough to suit every situation, be it in the low country or in the uplands. Our cities, too. trees were planted along their principal resident streets. Richmond is not as woll shaded as it was some decades ago. Hundreds of trees have been sacrificed in the changing of street grades and the damage thus done (perhaps unavoidably) has not been wholly repaired by the set-

ting out of new trees. Not only should we plant trees, but trees of the right sort-no more worthless exotics; no more short-lived trees of any

In that masterly production by Philip

A. Bruce, the "Economic History of Virginla in the Seventeenth Century," there is a chapter on this subject, which might be read with profit by every Virginian.

The earliest adventurers exclaimed in terms of admiration and astonishment at the size and height and variety of the trees they found here. The first tree seen by the voyages was the pine. walnut and the hickory made up onefourth of our forests, but more numerous yet were the oaks. Cypresses, too, were found in great abundance in the tidewater country. The ash was common, and from it soap-ashes were made. As for the cedars, they were compared with those of Lebanon. The sassafras, likewise, was numerous and much of its root was shipped to London. The elm was comparatively rare. The laurel then, as now, grew in damp places and the locust adorned every valley. So, too, the tulip poplar.

places the chestnut was found growing tree native to the soil was the crab apple. Cherries and plums, however, were in evidence; also persimmons.

here all the Virginia trees montioned by the early writers and referred to in Mr. Bruce's book. But the fruit mulberry we must not pass unnoticed.

In all this eastern country the mulberry flourished and fruited astonishingly and to this day in nearly every country there are one or more placesmamed "Mulberry Grove;" but the groves, ch, where are they? cut down and roted up! Native mulberry trees are still to be found, but as a rule they are dispersed far and On the New Reservoir grounds here there is one tree. In Powhatan county we know of a considerable number. We are talking now of the fruit mulberry, not of the Haytlen mulberry; an exotic worth something for the shade it affords, but having a gharled and warty trunk and roots that rise up and range car and wide.

has an Arbor Day, and we trust it will be well observed, especially by the teachers and pupils of the public schools. In the coming years the honeficial effects will be seen by all and become the cause of much rejoicing. For each person who plants a tree the cost is but a trifle and the labor small, but the good done will be

UNIQUE FARMVILLE.

The town of Farmville, the capital of Prince Edward county, is enjoying the most remarkable temperance fight on reliquor traffic is concerned is entirely years has supported five bar-rooms, each of which paid the municipality \$100, but now all of these are out of business from this source. Two years ago, at the people, the Legislature gave Farmville ceeded at once to appoint a dispensary turned over to them \$1,000 and instructed pensary. They bought a stock of liquors, Circuit Court, who declared the dispensary law unconstitutional, and injunction forbidding the Dispensary Board to act. The saloons reopened, and up to a few days ago continued to do business at the old stand.

The board, backed by the strong tom-

perance and prohibition sentiment in the town, carried the case to the Court of Appeals, which, about two years ago, reversed Judge Hundley, thus deciding that the saloons were illegally open and that the dispensary could go ahead, In over the dream of the Council, and the members are not so much in favor of a dispensary as they were. Although called in special session by the Mayor on Tuesday, they refused to instruct the Dispensary Board to go ahead. On the contrary, the Council decided that board could not open up, because the term of one of the members had expired in the meantime. Further consideration of the matter was postponed until April 14th.

The board thinks the two members whose term has not expired can go ahead, and mandamus proceedings against the Council are talked of. There are other questions involved that would probably enable a mandamus to hold good, but the board will perhaps not push the matter. In the meantime the saloon men are advised by counsel not to reopen, as there can be no doubt that the law rules them out. However, they are appealing to the Legislature to repeal the dispensary law, and have a pretty strong delegation here to plead for them. The prohibitionists and temperance folks are highly pleased at the condition of things, and would be delighted if it could be made permanent, for the dispensary was second choice with them anyhow, and they much prefer prohibi tion even if it is a prohibition of a unique

THE CLICK MITCHELL CASE.

A negro named Click Mitchell was Champaign county, Ohio, six ing the county in which a lynching may take place liable for damages. The law was enacted not a great while before Mitchell was strung up, and his heir brought suit against Champaign county it being the first case to show up under the new law. The jury very readily gave n verdict for \$5,000, but the county appealed and the case went up to the Supreme Court, that the validity of the new law might be tested. The higher court has sustained the law and the verdict and the full amount has just been paid over to Mitchell's heirs. A colored lawyer out in Ohio has made quite a reputation in pushing the case to a successful termination. It is believed that one result of this case will be to cause county authorities in Ohio to exercise more zea. in the protection of prisoners.

HOLIDAY BOYS.

Patrick Burke, of Jersey City, is the happy father of four boys, whose ages range from five years to eight days. Each of these youngsters was born on a hollday, and each bears a name that bears some reference to his peculiar birthday The oldest son was born on Christmas day and he was christened Nicholas. The second saw the light on the 22d of February and, of course, he is Geo. Washington. The third was born on the 4th of July, and was burdened with "Declaration" for name. The baby boy was born on the 17th of this month, and, of course, his name is Patrick, in honor of the renowned enemy of snakes. Remarkable quar-tette has Mr. Patrick Burke.

UNIQUE EXPEDITION.

Dr. J. Charcot, a celebrated Frenchman who is the possessor of ample means. has planned a peculiar Arctic expedition. He will sail on May 15th at his own ex pense, but under the auspices of the Pas-Institute and the Museum of Natwardly, the sugar maple was discovered. Saint Male on a ship built especially for the at Richmond and at many wither his use. Dr. Cheroot Saint Male on a ship built especially for wther his use. Dr. Charoot believes that the

study of bacteriology may be aided greatprosperously. Hazel trees covered acres by by analysis of air and water in the of ground in the colony. The only apple polar regions, and, above all, by examinations of the intestines of polar animals for "primary" microbes, which are However, we shall not undertake to list tudes, A Professor Levin, it seems, disputes the existence of the polar microbe, and Dr. Charcot, therefore, is going up north to find out all about microbes Within the frozen zone.

_========== We are gratified to know that the Gen eral Assembly has extended an invita-tion to Dr. Fred H. Wines, of Washington, D. C., to deliver an address before that body on the subject of public charities. Dr. Wines was for thirty years secretary of the State Board of Charities of the State of Illinois, and is an authority on that subject. He was in Richmond Charities and Corrections, and made a most instructive talk before that organization. Of course, he has no solfish interest in the matter, but he believes that it would be of great benefit to Virginia to have a State Board of Charities, and he is prepared to demonstrate the fact. Whether or not anything comes General Assembly an entertaining address and more information on that subject than perhaps could be gained from any other man in the country.

Mr. A. J. Cassett, the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in a statement made in New York on Tuesday said that with the Hudson River tunnels built, the Pennsylvania and the Long New York.

"The capacity of the new station," he said," will be 200,000 passengers a day, or 70,000,000 a year. From the west twenty to thirty trains an hour Will be operated through the two tunnels, and to the castward there will be double that capacity through the four tunnels, say from forty of the tunnels and the station, which something like \$60,000,000, and about \$10. 000,000 has already been spent in the purchase of real estate are making of surveys."

The drop in English consols to about 91 is a noteworthy event. Issued as three per cent, securities in 1788, they fell to 52 in 1797. Their highest price was 112, which was reached in 1897.

In 1887 the interest rate was reduced to two and three-quarters. On April 5th next they became two and a half per cent. securities. With the income tax deducted they will pay only two and three-eighths

The fall is attributed to the high rate of money and the forthcoming loan of \$150,000,000-one of the penalties of the Boer war,

Miss Alice Roosevelt is a fortunate girl. Youth, health, position and unbounded capacity to enjoy the good things of life are her portion. And if she is fond of admiration, that, too, she has without stint. But few of her wishes are denied her. She couldn't go to King Edward's coronation, which was distressing, but has not had much time to brood over that disappointment. At present Miss Roose velt is in San Juan. Porto Rico, whose people are giving her a great ovation Handshaking down there seems to be as much a custom as it is in this country, being the daughter of a politician, Miss Alice undergoes it bravely.

Nearly all important street paving in London and Paris is now done with wooder blocks-usually Georgia yellow pine, treated with cresote to prevent decay and filled with rosin (vulcanized, as it were), to make them impervious and to harden the texture. None of this treatment was given the wooden blocks which were used twenty-five years ago, and which soon grew into disfavor. The Rue Rivoli in Paris, which is said to be the heaviest traveled street in the world, being eight times as much traveled as Broadway, New York, has the modern wooden pavement, which is laid on a concrete foundation.

The New Orleans Plenyune is publishing by instalments, on Sundays, the report made by Judgo George L. Christian, of this city, to the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of cation of the South's struggles for independence. The Pleayune gives the report the leading position in its department devoted to war history and re-

There is a plenty of whiskey in Farm ville belonging to the saloon men and to the dispensary, but owing to the deadlock and some other locks, the thirsty cannot reach it.

The Burdick investigation shows that the police struck at least one scent-tho cocktail bottle which is figuring so prominently in the hearing before the coroner

Richmond prices of meat would seem to indicate that the Armours and the Swifts are getting even on those heavy fines recently imposed on them in Missouri.

Dr. Parkhurst says General Funston s a liar. The doctor will not find the General's reply in this week's Sundayschool literature.

Charleston does not mind Crum so very

much, for he is a right decent sort of negro, but it was the principle of the thing that caused all the trouble. Colonel Bryan is said to have greatly

enjoyed serving on the jury, and is now hankeling after a job on the public road The weather yesterday was the kind to emove that tired feeling which had been

accumulating since Sunday last. Crum may be inside the "door of hope," but Senator Tillman will see to it that he does not lock out all the trouble.

The Vanderbilts' mishap will, of course, make automobile accidents all the more

Castro is not making a great success it playing 'possum.

Are you glad you didn't take off your winter underwear?

Half Hour With

Virginia Editors. Discussing our needs in the way of sea fighters, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

BRYSI

"The powers of Europe cannot combine for anything—not even for thett and plunder. What this country needs, and what it is going to have, is a newy capable of standing of Germany or England, or even both with the superior advantage of convenient naval bases.

The Petersburg Index-Appeal is respet

The Petersburg Index-Appeal is responsible for the folcowing:
Fred Duke, the unfortunate white man of Hanover, who, while under the influence of drink, fell in a ditoh and died there, has the distinction of a death similar to that which is said to have befallen Shakespeare. Duke himself cannot enjoy the honor, but he can transmit it to his postority, and many ancestors have made their posterity groud on less honestly earned distinction.

The Newport News Press evidently feels

the need of shade. It says: Arbor Day should be generally cele-brated throughout the State. Trees are a source of unspeakable pleasure and of vast profit. Let Newport News fall into line on the Arbor Day proposition.

The Irvington Citizon says:

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We know from actual experience that local option has had a wonderful effect as a deterrent upon crime within our own county confines; and, if here, why not clees where? In this we speak from knowledge of the facts and not from commended to the facts and not from commended to the facts and not from commended to the facts and not facts. parisons where the cases are not parallel.

Just what the Wytheville Dispatch is striking at is partially veiled, but here what it says:

is what it says:

It is impossible to please a Virginia Republican, We don't suppose the Denicerats ever busy themselves in an attempt at such a result, but recent developments show that it is possible to give them everything they ask for, and no words of commendation will ever fall from their line. from their lips.

FEW FOREIGN FACTS.

The Pope, although not actually ill, never has been well since the coronation ceremony of March 3d. His strength is daily declining to such a point that he feels exhausted after even his short audiences. His mental faculties are wonderfully preserved, and he realizes himself the sudden change, and makes no secret of the knowledge. He has been secret of the knowledge. He has been heard to say, "My race is almost run."

Unusual Event.

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King Edward VII. has sent the decoration of St. Michael and St. George to the Rev. Father Hecht, of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, a missionary in South Africa, The event is said to be without a parallel. The Order of St. Michael and St. George numbers only 250 members, confined to princes of the royal blood and great dignitaries of the English court. In admitting Father Hecht to membership King Edward has desired to express the appreciation of England for the care given by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate to the wounded during the war in the Transvaal.

Socialist Mayor.

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The city of Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, has just elected a Socialist mayor. He is a workingman named Jensen, and a painter by trade. For some time he has been the president of the Danish trade unions. After his election he was met outside the town hally a procession of over 1,000 Socialists, with torches and bands. They conducted him through the crowded streets, which were lined with cheering masses of workingmen, to the People's Hall, where a fete on a large scale was held. Mayor Jonsen is the first Socialist to gain such high honor in Denmark.

Tipped the Lord Provost.

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The Lord Provost of Glasgow, who is what we would call Mayor in Virginia, told at a dinner recently how he was tipped by an American sightseer. A party of tourists from the United States were viewing the splendid municipal chambers in Glasgow and were especially enthusiastic about the great marble staircase. The Lord, Provost happened to pass and offered to guide them about. While doing so he gave them some interesting information about the rise and growth of his interesting city. As he was leaving one of the Americans he was leaving one of the Americans quietly slipped a half dollar into his The provost had not recovered from his amused astonishment when the Americans left the building.

Muster Rolls of Virginia.

Chase City, Va., March 24, 1903. Editor of The Times-Dispatch: Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir,—In the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1883-84, there is "an act to provide for the preparation of rolls of troops furnished by the State of Virginia to the army of the Confederate Bates," approved March 13, 1884. This duty was imposed upon the Adjutiant-General, and \$1,500 appropriated for the work. It also provided "that the said rolls, when so propared, shall be transcribed or printed into permanent book form and kept in the office of the Adjutant-General, and such rolls shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and be preserved with the records of said office.
"That the said rolls shall be placed

the records of said office.
"That the said rolls shall be placed on sale, the proceeds of which shall be placed in the treasury of the State." Was anything ever accomplished under this act? There are no doubt a great many rolls filed away in the office, which could be made available for the work proposed by the United States govern-

ment.

I remember being in the office of Col.
McDonald in 1884 when he was either
Adjutant-General or Secretary of the
Commonwealth, and asked him what success he had in securing rolls of troops,
and he replied; "I am getting on very
well in that line," and exhibited to me
a number he had in possession and filed
away. There were some written out and
some in local newspapers, and seemed
to have been prepaged with great care
and completeness.

THOMAS D. JEFFRESS.

Chase City, Va., March 24, 1903.

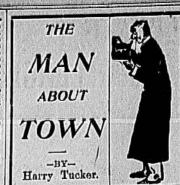
Chase City, Va., March 24, 1903.

Under that act some little progress was made in collecting our rolls, and we believe the rolls so collected are on file in the Adjutant-General's office here, and we doubt not that they will be placed at the disposal of the War Records

The government can make use of none but OFFICIAL rolls; rolls made up from memory will be unavailable. Many ficial" rolls, we are sure, are in the hands of Virginias who are keeping them as souvenirs. The War Records officials would like to have the loan of them and would copy them and return the original

Georgia Spring Item.

"Run here, daddy—Jimmy's done felled in the well" "Too bad!" exclaimed the old man. "and I wented him to dis balt for me this mornin'!"—Atlanta Constitution.



DARLY CALHINDAR-MARCH 26. 1802-Captain Bob Wright wrote a little

plece.

1008-Got it in the papers.

We never could understand why people sprinkled salt on top of a glass of beer.

Still, there are a whole lot of things we can't understand.

For instance, we can't understand why so many peatry girls in Manchester, who

For instance, we can't understand why so many pretty girls in Minchester, who come over on the cars with us, remain single, when there are so many likely young men ready to work for them.

And we can't see why there are so many people who prefer to stand on a street car platform rather than go inside and sit down.

street car platform father than go inside and sit down.

Bitcetera, and so forth, and so on.

George Bargamin attempted to tell us why they put sait on the top of beer.

He said that as beer was made of a vegetable product, and as sait was a good thing to put on vegetables, it was also good to put on beer.

"And sait is used extensively," he said, the learner the freshness of everything.

"And sait in used steelessory, with temper the freshness of everything. Therefore, whenever you take a beer, be sure you put sait on it."

Now we understand.

We are always overlooking the mair

chance.

Now, we got a note, on scented paper, in a feminine hand, asking us to meet her and resume our friendly relationship that existed prior to the advent of the Brown Eved One into our sphere She is well fixed in this world's goods, nd promises to leave us some when w

dle.

We have to overlook it, for we would rather go into quall on toast and pate de fol gras than to once more get under the influence of those eyes that turned us influence of down years ago.

We wish the Legislature would hurry up and do something, for we want to get the City Council to grant us a certain harter which can't be granted until the

Legislature does sumpin. We are a fine charter fine charter-getter, and w We are a fine charter-getter, and we are depending on the charter we have in our mind to a great extent, and have already spent some of the proceeds that

we expect to get.
What's the Legislature here for?

Personal and General.

President Loubet will arrive in Algeri on April 15th, for his forthcoming visi

Wiltrud Marie Alix, to Barvaria, who is now nineteen years old, is conced to be the most beautiful princess Europe.

Rush C. Hawkins, of New York, will erect an art museum in Providence, R. I., near Brown University, as a memorial to his wife. Rev. Edward Warren Clark, foster-father of Rev. Francis E. Clark, founder of the United Society of Christian En-deavor, died last week at Westboro, Mass.

Mrs. Robert Goelet, of New York, will endow an American bed in the Victoria Hospital, in memory of her daughter, at Cannes, France. The only other Ameri-can bed in the hospital was endowed by

Andrew Carnegle five years ago. Rev. Louis E. Durr is rector of the to be the smallest church in the United States, being 24 feet wide and 48 feet

Elmer D. Lindsley, of Marion, O. believed to hold the world's record for membership in the Odd-Fellows. He en-tered Kosciusko Lodgo, No. 63, in 1846, being, therefore, in the fifty-seventh year of his membership. He is eighty-two year

North Carolina Sentiment.

Our North Carolina friends are very much interested in the Jamestown Exposition. The Newberne Journal closes s long article on the subject with this para graph:

graph:

The Jamestown Exposition, is not a sectional exhibit: is is one in which the people of Virginia should all be interested, from the mountains to the seashere, and having such an interest, all should join heartily into making it a great success, which it cannot fall being, if there be untity of thought, action and purposes.

The Wilmington Star truly says: While the South is most directly and vitally interested in the solution of the race problem, every other section of the country is also interested in it, for the South cannot be kept in turme progress retarded without other section the country are too closely related and too mutually dependent for one to suffer without the others suffering more or less.

The Charlottesville Observer notes a While we are of the opinion that Cleve-

land will never again be a candidate for the presidency, his growing popularity especially in the South, is a good sign It marks the dissolution and eternal de struction of the populistic ideas which wept over this section a few years ago It will soon be so that a man in any part of the State may declare that The Old Man is all right without running the risk of having it said that he is in league with the plutocrats.

Opening for a Veto.

We join our esteemed local contemporary, The Times-Dispatch, in the hope expressed this morning that the Governor will yeto the bill forbidding the employexpressed this morning that the Governor will yet the bill forbidding the employment as division superintendent of schools of any man who has written a school book or the appointment of such a man as a member of the State Board of Education. This bill has passed both houses of the Legislature. So far as we recall, it was not debated, and apparently it attracted no attention. We cannot imagine any good purpose it would accomplish. It is not at all likely that any man would become a member of the Board of Education for the purpose of booming his own school book or securing its selection for use in the schools. Such action would create a scandal immediately, and conditions in Virginia are such that no man invites scanduls or undertakes to defy nublic sentiment in State affairs. On the other hand, it is easy to see how the bill nubile sentiment in State affairs. On the other hand, it is easy to see how the bill may work serious harm. It may deprive the State of the services of some very valuable and thoughtful men. It puts the man who has the mind and the practical knowledge to prepare a school book absolutely under ban, as if he cad done a disgraceful thing or made himself a public enemy. It ought not to be on the statute books. Nobody can stop it now but the Governor. It offers as fair a target for a veto as any act of legislation we have seen in a long time.—Richmond News Leader.

BRENT, OF THE

Romance of the Kidnapping of a Governor-General.

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ed Brent.
"The what?" cried Fitzmorris.
"The willy-waggles, jumps, jim-jams, anything you choose to call 'em," replied

anything you choose to call cm, replied the other.

"Ah, I see. Well, I do not know as I can blame you. Is there anything more alive aft there?"

"No, this spider monkey seems to be all there is, and the little devil seems sociable enough," said Brent, as he stooped down and patted the small round head.

The monkey put up its hands and clasped the capitain's wrist as it looked wistfully into his face.

"By George!" exclaimed Fitzmorris, "It that isn't about as human as they make

that isn't about as human as they make them! It makes me crawl sometimes to see them." Right you are. Good little chap. Yes,

"Right you are, Good inthe Grome, I'll take care of you," he added. "Come, Lord George, let us go below!"

He laid his hand on the companion rall and started down. As he entered the cabin an exclamation of surprise broke from his lips that brought his companion to his side in a moment.

"What is it, man?" he cried.

CHAPTER XV. The sight that met his eyes as he gazed over Bront's shoulder was a strange one. At the forward end of the main cabin, which was large and commodious, sat evry sout old lady, dressed in the style of 1850 at the earliest, wearing on her head a most elaborate cap, ornamented with ribbons of a brilliant crimson, and righting with precious stones.

of 1850 at the earliest, weather on the head a most claborate cap, ornamented with ribbons of a brilliant crimson, and riashing with precious stones.

At her feet kneeled a figure, which was seen to be an East Indian, dressed in white, holding a superb silver tray, on which were fruits and food.

The two stood spelibound, gazing at the curious scene in front of them, and for the instant not knowing what to do next. Their entrance had not been noticed, so intent was the elderly female upon her repast, and some minutes clapsed before she became aware that there were strangers present.

When she did so she waved the servant aside with a grand gosture, and with an exclamation of pleasure, together with an agility unexpected in one of her size and age, rose to her feet.

"You have come at last!" she exclaimed as she courtesled profoundly.

"Well, I am blowed," said Drent in a low tone, "what have we struck now?"

"A madhouse," muttered Fitzmorris.

"Wo must humor the old lady till we know where we are. Tell her that it is all right, old man."

Bront was very quick to adapt himself to circumstanes, and the governor's explanation of the old woman's condition gave him his cue.

"Yes, madam," he said, bowing profoundly, "we have come." The question is, he added to himself, who in thunder are we?

She spoke a few words to the servant in a tongue strange to the captain and the Hindu, salaaming deeply, disappeared for a moment, to return bringing a letter on a tray,

This, at a word and sign from his

for a moment, to return bringing a letter on a tray, This, at a word and sign from his mistress, he bore to Brent and presented it on bended knee. The latter looked at the superscription, and then took it. "Will not your highness be seated?" asked the old lady, as she metioned to-ward a chair.

asked the old lady, as she motioned toward a chair.

"O, we are highnesses, are we?" remarked the Englishman in a low tone.

"Sit down, Brent, and ease her mind. She seems harmless, if she is mad."

The two men took seats, and the American proceeded to open the missive, which had on the outside, written in a large, bold hand, the following:

"To whom it may concern that boards the ship Conquest, dismantled furing the hurrleane of January 10, 1900, latitude 13 degrees, 42 minutes; N. Jongitude 55 degrees, 50 minutes W:"

"We missed that," remarked Brent, half aloud.

"Ye missed that, I should say. We had not left Montego then," was the reply. "True. Well, to proceed." He opened the sheet within the envelope and commenced to read:

the sheet within the envelope and commenced to read:

"We are about to leave the ship and take to the boats to go to one of the islands which is not only 190 miles from here. We have had nothing but had luck since we left Panama. The old lady, who is mad as a March hare, is a hoodoo, and no one will remain on the ship. She refuses to leave, and as the yessel is sound and there is plenty to eat and drink, and she has a servant who. In the opinion of all hands, has bewitched the vessel, or brought bad luck aboard, no one will stop. She thinks that she is going to meet the emperor of China, who she says is going to marry her. Between herself, her servant, the parrot and the monkey, there has been to much funny

laughter. "Well, how does your grand high

"Well, how does your grand high whatsername like your position? They are getting nervous on the Badger. Marchamp has drawn up closer and has tried to signal once or twice, but as I do not understand the business I could make no reply."

"Humanity is a great thing, old man," said Brent, "but it can be overdone, if we haven't our hands full with that old lunatic before we get through then I am mistaken. Let me see what Marchamp wants."

He stood up on top of the deckhouse and looked over to where the Badger rose and fell gracefully on the gray seas. Very soon he began to wave first one

Very soon he began to wave first one arm and then the other, and then both, in regular rotation.

"What on earth are you doing?" asked Fitzmorris with wide-open eyes, "have you joined the lunatio asylum also?"

"Not at all. I am telegraphing, that is all. As I have no flag I have to use my arms, You should have learned that in your military training."

"Our military training is more confined to cricket and polo," said the governor with a smile. "You beat us there, I will admit."

"Yes, and some day you will suffer for it, mark my words. There I have satisfied Marchamp and prepared Madelein for her crazy visitor. We must keep up the comedy till we reach Fernandes, and then perhaps we can ship her."

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He looked down on the deck and commenced to laugh.

"That little beggar of a monkey is trying his hand at it, too," he said, pointing to the little beast, who with his eyes fixed on the sailor, was waving his arms to and fro in imitation of his gestures, while the three foremost hands were doubled up with laughter at the forward end of the poop deck."

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Miller, who was convicted of gigantic robbery under the guise of a get-rich-quick scheme and sent to prison for a long term of years, seeks a dismissal from confinement and full pardon because he is about to die. That is the reason given for the application, whether the facts warrant it or not. While it may be true in Miller's case that he is in a hopelossly bad way, there is little to commend it in the plea of a discharge even if he cannot survive long. This is not hecause Miller is a worse criminal than the common run of convicts, but because there is no more fit ending for such a career as his, and as that of the average man in a State prison, than to conclude it in captivity if he cannot outlive his term of sentence.—Buffalo News.

Its Good Uses.

Long absences of the President from the capital of the country are in some respects useful. They show how well the capital of the country are in some respects usoful. They show how well the republic can get along under ordinary circumstances without a Chief Executive. That is in accord with the designs of the wise framers of our admirable system. Their idea was that there should be as fittle government as it was possible to get along with. The people should be taught to take care of themselves. Government is not the mainspring of society, It is only a sort of nolice regulation, to be brought into play when a cog slips somewhere.—Cincinnational Enquirer.



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